

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/048,027

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/17/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4,6,8-10,20,21 and 38-41.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 1/17/2007
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed on 17 January 2007 under 37 CFR 1.53(d) based on parent Application No. 10/048,027 is acceptable and a RCE has been established. An action on the RCE follows.

2. The amendments filed on 17 January 2007, submitted with the filing of the RCE have been received and entered. The applicants have added new claims 38-41. Claims 4, 6, 8-10, 20-21 and 38-41 as amended are pending in the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 4, 6, 8-10, 20-21 and 38-41 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present invention teaches a technique for enabling scenario files and image files for supply to a scenario generating device to be created. Each of the independent claims identifies the distinct feature of a file management area for displaying source files and a selected source file information area for displaying, in a sequence selected by a user, selected source file information representing information of a source file selected sequentially by the user in the file management area; the scenario creating section creates the scenario file indicating a plurality of the selected source files in response to a content of the display in the selected source file information area, the plurality of selected source files including source files of two or more formats; and the selected source file information including

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page indicating information indicating a page among a plurality of pages included in the selected source file. The closest prior art, Tatsuji JP 8-153104 and Jackson U.S. Patent 5,960,444 teaches a file management area for displaying source files and a selected source file information area for displaying, in a sequence selected by a user, selected source file information representing information of a source file selected sequentially by the user in the file management area; the scenario creating section creates the scenario file indicating a plurality of the selected source files in response to a content of the display in the selected source file information area, the plurality of selected source files including source files of two or more formats; and the selected source file information including page indicating information indicating a page included in the selected source file. In the case of the Tatsuji reference, Tatsuji teaches a file management area for displaying source files and a selected source file information area for displaying, in a sequence selected sequentially by a user, selected source file information representing information of a source file selected by the user in the file management area; the scenario creating section creates the scenario file indicating a plurality of the selected source files in response to a content of the display in the selected source file information area; the selected source file information includes page indicating information indicating a page in the selected source file. In the case of the Jackson reference, Jackson teaches source files of two or more formats. However, the prior art fails to teach the displaying selected source file information representing information of a source file in a sequence selected by a user, in the file management, in which the source files includes multiple pages, i.e. a page in a plurality of pages, and thus fails to anticipate or render the above limitations obvious.

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5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ting Zhou whose telephone number is (571) 272-4058. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached at (571) 272-4048. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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